

TWO HELD FOR KIDNAPING PLOT DEMAND TRIAL

**Lombard and Potter Deny Guilt
On Conspiracy Charge When
Arraigned in Court**

Despite his asserted confessions to the district attorney, to Sheriff Ernest T. Shay and to Justice Charles G. Potter on three separate occasions, Charles Lombard yesterday pleaded not guilty in Superior Judge C. L. Allison's court to charges of criminal conspiracy, attempted kidnaping and attempted extortion.

His accused accomplice, William Snyder, likewise pleaded not guilty to the same three counts. Both are accused of participating in a plot to kidnap and hold for \$15,000 ransom Dr. C. S. Lombard, a Redlands capitalist.

Both defendants demanded a jury trial, which is scheduled to begin Dec. 6 in Judge Allison's court.

According to the confessions which Lombard, who is no relation of Dr. Lombard, is asserted to have made, the defendants planned to kidnap the retired physician and Clarence G. White, a multi-millionaire, and several other wealthy residents of Redlands, who were to have been spirited away to Snyder's mountain cabin in a secluded portion of Santa Susana canyon in Ventura county.

Sheriff Ernest T. Shay's deputies and D. G. Murdock, special investigator from the district attorney's office, pursued Lombard and Snyder from Dr. Lombard's residence in Redlands to San Bernardino. When the officers finally overtook the car Lombard threw a handful of torn paper from his automobile, and these bits pieced together proved to be a note demanding \$15,000 as the price of Dr. Lombard's life, according to District Attorney Stanley Mussell.

Attorneys P. E. Bingman and C. O. Thompson of San Bernardino, who represent the accused pair, announced in court that the jury trial next month will require two or three days. The state has employed J. Clark Sellers, nationally-known identification and handwriting expert, to assist in proving who is author of the extortion note.

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